

ABSTRACT

An apparatus for delivering a closure element into a
puncture communicating with a blood vessel includes an introducer
sheath, and a locator member disposed within the sheath, the
5 locator member having a distal portion extending distally beyond
the distal end of the sheath. A plurality of splines are
provided on the distal portion of the locator member, the splines
being selectively expandable between an axial collapsed
configuration and a transverse expanded configuration. An
10 actuator is coupled to the locator member for controllably
expanding the splines. A housing is slidably disposed on the
sheath for deploying a closure element, such as a vascular clip.
The locator actuator may automatically collapse the splines upon
advancement of the housing.